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WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS TO BESTOW FIRST EVER AWARD NAMED AFTER CHIEF JUSTICE MCMORROW

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois will bestow the first ever Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow Award to Wilmette attorney Charlotte Adelman during its anniversary celebration on Friday, March 5 at the Chicago Historical Society.

The Chicago Historical Society is located at 1601 N. Clark Street in Chicago. The event starts at 5:30 p.m., with the award presentation at 6:30 p.m.

As part of the WBAI's 90th anniversary celebration, the Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow Award will be presented to Charlotte Adelman, with the firm of Adelman & Schwartz in Wilmette. A past president of the bar association, Ms. Adelman also served as its historian.

"In honor of Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow's enduring commitment to the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, we have created the Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow Award to honor those members who have demonstrated exceptional, ongoing service to our association," Women's Bar Association President Judge Elizabeth Budzinski said.

"The Women's Bar Association and the important work it does has always been of great importance to me," said Chief Justice McMorrow. "It is deeply gratifying to have an award presented in my name and I wish to congratulate Charlotte Adelman on all her wonderful professional achievements."

The first woman to head any branch of government in Illinois, Justice McMorrow became Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court September 5, 2002. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2002 Justice John Paul Stevens Award; the Medal of Excellence from the Loyola University School of Law Alumni Association; the Freedom Award from John Marshall School of Law and the Illinois Bar Foundation's Fellows Award for Distinguished Service to Law and Society.

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Chief Justice McMorrow is a past president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and recipient of its highest award, the Myra Bradwell Woman of Achievement Award, named for the first woman lawyer in Illinois.

She is a member or former member of several bar associations and judicial boards and associations; and is a lifelong resident of Chicago, a widow and the mother of one daughter.